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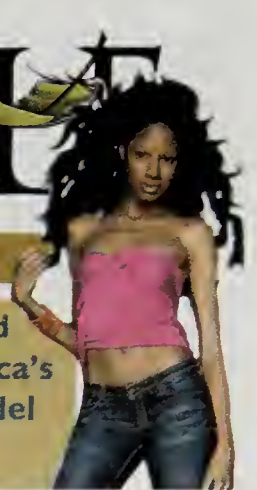
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1.6.07

Rob Jensen resigns as athletic director, Mike James resigns as men's head coach

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Men's Season Cancelled



Smith: We weren't asking for the world

Women's basketball coaching staff cites lack of university funding for resignation

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

Women's basketball Head Coach Dennis Smith and longtime Assistant Coach Rick Sullivan cited a lack of funding and support from the university as both stepped down after the 2006-07 season.

Smith's verbal and written resignation became effective March 8 after compiling an 89-133 overall record in 10 years at PUC.

"I just can't sit there and go through another season knowing we could have better recruits and that our girls could be better because of these recruits," said Smith.

According to Smith, he was told by former athletic director Rob Jensen, who resigned from the position after three ineligible students played on the men's team last semester, the women's basketball program could be receiving a budget of \$30,000 for scholarships and financial aid.

Instead, the program received \$7,000.

"The quick answer is that funding is what it is. In athletics all of the money is raised privately," said Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement. "It would be all of our desire to offer

financial aid and grants to athletes and maybe someday down the road we will be able to, but not now."

Smith also put in a request for four out-of-state tuition waivers so student-athletes from outside Indiana would receive in-state tuition rates in January. He was turned down via e-mail in early March.

"You're not going to get quality student-athletes with \$7,000."

Former Assistant Coach Rick Sullivan

"There is no such thing as an out-of-state waiver for tuition fees. Out-of-state students who meet the academic Best and Brightest Scholarship qualifications, however, will be awarded \$3,000," said Melinda Dalgarn, vice chancellor for student services.

According to Smith, out-of-state waivers were indeed used for athletes in the past. He remembers personally walking a former Illinois residential athlete to the registrar's office his first year as head coach. After explaining her situation she was charged in-state tuition, Smith said.

Lukoshus said he was unaware of the incident.



File photo

Dennis Smith and his staff have resigned after the 2006-2007 season, saying they could not field a competitive team with the \$7,000 the university was offering them for next year's scholarships.

Jensen, currently a student services assistant, said waivers have not existed in his six years at PUC. When former Chancellor James Yackel was in office (1990-2001) out-of-state waivers were offered, though not specifically in the athletic department.

According to the registrar's office, bursar's office and admissions a type of out-of-state waiver does exist in the form of an Enrollment Incentive Award Program but a list of qualifications, including 60 transferable credits, does apply.

"The bottom line is that you need some leverage recruiting and we don't have any," said Smith.

"We weren't asking for the world. With \$30,000 and four waivers we could have had a 12-girl squad."

The women's basketball program had multiple recruits but was unable to give out contracts because they did not know where their budget stood.

"Neither Coach nor I would have resigned if they would have given us a budget to work with. You're not going to get quality student-athletes with \$7,000," said Sullivan.

In Division I of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference, universities are allowed to offer 12 full ride scholarships to athletes. According to

Sullivan, the women's basketball budget has been continuously cut since he first began as an assistant four years ago, using less than five percent of what PUC has the ability to provide in scholarships.

"It's hard to coach when your hands are tied. And it's very hard to win when you can't get the better players," said Smith.

Both Smith and Sullivan would like to continue coaching, but neither are searching for another position as of yet.

"The potential is there but the university needs to step up with funds," said Sullivan.

Ibrahim not offered UMass - Lowell position

Brandon Thomas
News Editor

Nabil Ibrahim will be returning next fall as the vice chancellor for academic affairs. Ibrahim was one of three finalists for the position of chancellor at University of Massachusetts - Lowell but was not chosen to man the university's top job.

U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan (D -

Mass) was chosen and was offered the position. Meehan, a UMass - Lowell alumnus, took the position last week.

He will be appointed officially as the chancellor in June when the university will have all of its positions filled.

The other finalist was David Chang, chancellor of Polytechnic University in Brooklyn N.Y.

Ibrahim visited the campus last week along with the other two

finalists. He does not have plans of leaving PUC and is not currently searching for a new position at another university.

Ibrahim was approached with the offer. He was asked to apply for the position by UMass - Lowell head hunters, hired to find candidates.

Ibrahim said he has not applied for any positions without being asked to apply by an outside party. He said the position at

UMass - Lowell interested him because of its similarities to PUC.

Ibrahim is an engineer so the technological aspect of the university also appealed to him.

In the end, Ibrahim will be returning to his post at PUC.

"After seeing the campus [UMass - Lowell] it made me feel good about Purdue Calumet. I believe we have an excellent school. It is one we should be proud of," said Ibrahim.



Nabil Ibrahim

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

URGENT REMINDER

Please complete the National Survey of Student Engagement questionnaire

Did you receive the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) questionnaire? You may have been one of 1,200 randomly selected freshman or senior students who recently received the 2007 National Survey of Student Engagement questionnaire. The NSSE survey administration will be wrapping up soon, so if you have not completed and returned the survey, please do so today.

NSSE is a national survey in which more than 160,000 college students participate. This is an excellent way to provide feedback on your college experience. Your participation is very important and greatly appreciated.

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The information gathered from the survey will influence and help shape future policy, functions and activities at Purdue Calumet. We encourage you to take this opportunity to contribute to the future of Purdue Calumet and your fellow students. Thank you.

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What's Going On? A Look Around...

Chancellor's Reading Circle

"The Lemon Tree" by Ida Rosenfeld and Ilil Arbel will be discussed by Renee Zubay Fife on Wednesday, April 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper House. Interested students can visit SUL 104B (next to the game room) to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Writing Contest

The Department of English and Philosophy is presenting an interdisciplinary writing contest open to all PUC students. Essays, stories, poems and plays on any topic will be accepted. Winners receive gift certificates and opportunity for publication. Deadline for submissions is Friday, April 6, 2007. For contest rules visit CLO 216 or www.calumet.purdue.edu/engphil.

Spanish Help

Students who are having trouble learning Spanish can get free help from SI leader Dave Sudroff on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the CLO 110.

UPS Music Lunch Series

March 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. this event will take place. The performance will be by Jeff Daniels in SUL Calumet Falls. For more information contact Student Activities at (219) 989-2369.

Habitat for Humanity

Women at Work will be constructing houses and volunteers are needed. For more information call (219) 923-7265.

Nominations for Outstanding Administrator Award

Nominations must be turned in no later than March 27. The award is for full-time, monthly-paid staff such as management, professional assistants, technical assistants and librarians. Send nominations to Rick Riddering at SUL 349.

March Madness Nutrition

March Madness Nutrition is a six-week healthy eating program. To sign up visit the Wellness Center in FRC 130.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will be holding their weekly meeting Thursday, April 5 at 8 p.m. in the SUL cafeteria.

Student Awards Nominations

The Spring 2007 Outstanding Student Award and the annual Most Active Student Organization Awards are open for nominations. All nominations must be submitted to the alumni office by 4:30 p.m. on March 28. The winners will be announced at the Student Organization Awards Banquet April 21. For more information call 989-2308 or e-mail PAAC@calumet.purdue.edu.

Underground Railroad

The Purdue University Calumet Ethnic Studies program is hosting "The Train to Freedom" journey for interested students and community members on May 4 and 5. The cost is \$210 per person and the deadline to register is April 1. Individuals can make reservations by paying by phone (219/989-2986 or 800/HI-PURDUE, ext. 2986, using VISA or MasterCard) or by delivering a check—made payable to Purdue University—to the Purdue University Calumet Student Services Business Office in the FRC. For more information contact Roy Hamilton at (219) 989-2779 or 800/HI-PURDUE, ext. 2779.

Art Assembly

Don't (Dis) My Art will feature students' art work and performances on March 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in SUL Alumni Hall. Including guest speaker Chris Carson and wheelchair monologues.

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E-center to manage SBDC in Merrillville

Nicole Elischer
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The Entrepreneurship Center, also known as the E-Center has received a contract to manage the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center. The SBDC will be relocating to the Purdue Technology Center in Merrillville. There are also plans for a satellite office at the E-Center.

Sue Anderson, regional director of SBDC, said the relocation falls under the state's initiative to help new and existing businesses with growth of sales and employ-

ment potential.

"It will be exciting to work with more of the companies that are located in the E-Center," said Anderson.

SBDC helps existing and start-up businesses on a wide variety of topics, from writing business plans to helping with financial plans. They also hold seminars on topics related to the business world, such as how to start up a business, according to the website.

"One of the major underlying objectives of bringing the SBDC to campus is to generate more opportunities for our students and faculty to interact with and benefit from connections with local busi-

nesses," said Jamaluddin Husain, director of the E-Center. The E-Center has been in existence since 1994 and already has an established track record of successfully assisting existing businesses and business owners.

"It is our hope that through the E-Center the SBDC will be able to offer a larger variety of services to its clientele by accessing not only the strengths of the E-Center but also PUC students and faculty," said Husain.

Some of the services offered by SBDC include access to online courses and the university's Distance Education and Extended Learning programs, student con-

sulting services through the Small Business Institute.

Husain also said the first benefit will be to faculty members teaching business and entrepreneurship courses as well as students who are getting a major or minor in entrepreneurship. It will also increase the number of PUC students, staff and faculty to take advantage of the new educational programs and services offered through the SBDC.

"With the SBDC under its umbrella, the strategy is to (a) enable SBDC clientele, particularly established businesses, to access our students as interns and/or student consultants (b) involve fac-

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ulty members as counselors and advisors, where possible, to assist area businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs," said Husain.

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3/7/07

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Theft
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3/6/07

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Criminal Mischief
Under investigation

3/11/07

Fitness Center
2:45 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

3/11/07

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3/16/07

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PowerPoint Tips and Tricks

Whether you're presenting a class project, posting up notes for your class on Vista, or even presenting a budget proposal, PowerPoint is ubiquitous. It's quick, it's simple, and today we're going to go over a few things you may not know about it.

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- Select the text that you wish to change the case of and then press Shift + F3.
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View Your Slides as They Will Look Printed:

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More Tips and Tricks

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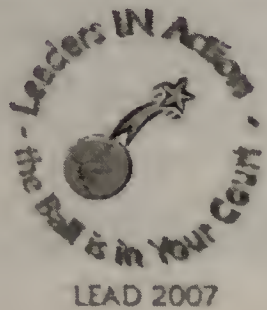
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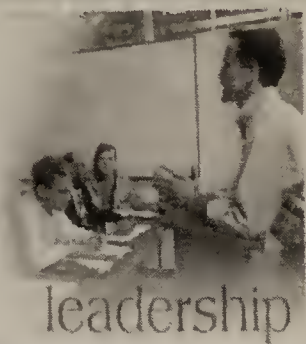
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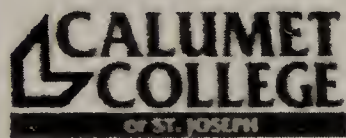


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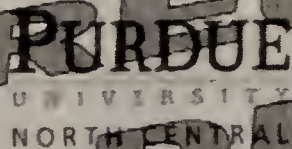
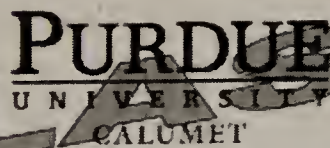
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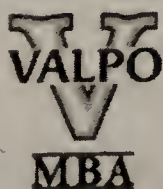
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Lay off the heavy make-up

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

How many female faces do you see having a slight resemblance to a clown? Or better yet, a china-doll? You know. Those white-faced porcelain dolls with the heavy makeup.

This white-face and makeup ridden look was used in order to attract men in the early ages of the Eastern World, yet many modern women in America still seem to pile on the makeup to impress the opposite sex.

But why? Most men I talk to seem to take the exact opposite stance, saying that heavy makeup is both unattractive and a major turn-off in women.

And I don't know about you, but I have much better things to do with my time than put on 30 or 40 minutes of makeup in the morning. Like sleep. Or maybe even finish a little extra homework that didn't get done the night before.

I mean, really, who are you trying to impress? We're on a college campus, not at a club.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying to look like a slob. Cleanliness and personal hygiene are a definite must but there's a major difference between looking fashionable and looking like an overdone doll.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with wearing a little eye shadow along with some mascara, and maybe even eyeliner in order to try and look nice. After all, makeup tends to boost a woman's confidence and make them feel pretty.

However, it's the concealer lines mixed with the bright blue or green eye shadow added to the inch-and-a-half thick smudged eyeliner that gives the opposite effect to the world. Not to mention the bright pink or red lipstick that usually accompanies the rest.

Maybe I'm exaggerating a bit, but my main point is that you can be beautiful without wearing extra pounds of liquid and powder on your face.

Of course there are those situations where a little extra makeup is always needed; like on Halloween or when you're standing on a street corner. But other than that, ladies, my suggestion is to lay off the makeup.

Why be superficial and look like a china-doll when you could be genuine? Or at least look it.



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Is this the beginning of the end of Peregrine Athletics?

The issue: Low athletic funding

Our opinion: Increase funding for athletics or watch them dissolve

This may be the beginning of the end for athletics at PUC. Despite past occurrences of ineligible players, funding may play an active part in the slow demise of athletics in the next few years at PUC.

PUC has a history of underfunding sports. With the women's basketball coaching staff resigning citing a lack of spendable money, it's only a matter of time until other sports and clubs — such as baseball — lack in funds and cancel.

For the projected fiscal academic year of 2006-2007, student service fees were dispersed among five areas. Forty-eight percent went to parking, 13 percent for the Center for Career Leadership and Development, 10 percent Student Health Service Center, 6 percent Fitness Center Support and 2 percent for the Riley Child Care Center.

Although the athletic depart-

ment planned to receive the second highest percent of student service fee money, parking received nearly half of the funds.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement Wes Lukoshus said most of funding for athletics is raised privately and they hope to have scholarships and financial aid someday. The women's basketball team received only \$7,000. It's impossible to build a good team on that amount of money.

Dennis Smith knows that. That's why he quit.

It's crucial for the university to consider athletic funding a necessity—not only to support student athletes but to support and promote student life and activities in general. If the university is going to give students what they want, there needs to be not only more athletics on campus but more arts and other forms of entertainment.

PUC strives to recruit by advancing the university in every

which way including technology upgrades and campus renovations. We've seen new signs and student housing built. Though these things are necessary to maintain appearance and recruit students but there are more ways to engage people to attend PUC. The biggest way to do so is to fund athletics.

The university needs to remember that the athletic department does its part in increasing student participation along with student population and fund them accordingly.

If the university plans to keep the student population and interest thriving, they need to fund the athletic department so PUC staff and students can take pride and say their university has one. Numbers will increase but only if funding does.

A city of the green, the homeless and the clueless

David P. Funk
Editor in Chief

I was fortunate enough to visit Portland, Ore. last weekend for a college newspaper convention with several other Chronicle staffers. If you've never been, here's my point-by-point synopsis of the town:

- Portland is the greenest place I've ever seen. That's probably because it rains, on average, 40 to 45 inches per year. By comparison, it rains 30 to 35 inches per year in The Region, according to The Weather Channel.

- Portland is the cleanest big city I've ever been to. There are no cigarette butts, gum wrappers or even particles of dirt on the sidewalk. Our Assistant Sports Editor Jeremy Homan was floored to see a man literally sweeping the street with a broom and dust pan.

- People in Portland must love to eat, because every third business in Portland is a restaurant. They have ethnic food of all varieties as well as several specialty establishments. If you go, make sure you check out Old Town Pizza. It's a cool place with good food, and it's haunted, too.

- The train station on 1st St. is a refuge for the homeless. Portland has lots of homeless. But Portland is also a city full of giving, caring people. We walked by the train station and it was empty of all except the poor, destitute souls who dwell there. We walked by again later and the place was filled with people helping the homeless get clean and feeding them and giving them haircuts.

- Speaking of the Portland train system, the city has train stations in the middle of nowhere. We got off at the wrong stop, thanks to the advice of a shady cabbie, and walked 20 minutes to another station surround by nothing. Why put a train station in a place no one will ever go? We even called a cab company in the hopes of getting a ride back to our hotel. We gave them the street names and were told to find someplace else to be picked up. The cab company didn't even know where we were. Thus, I ask once more; why put a train station there?

The trip was nice, but it's good to be back in the Region.

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Sing your heart out

**Entertainment Editor
Isabel Rodriguez
rates area karaoke
bars**

Isabel Rodriguez
Entertainment Editor

Imagine standing in front of a crowd, singing your heart out. Lights flashing. Beer mugs clinking. You're the center of everybody's attention.

The Region offers more than enough places to practice singing, every day of the week.

Start memorizing your favorite lyrics and head to these northwest Ind. bars - offering not only good beverages but a place to karaoke.

La Rosa's

What this local bar lacks in appearance it makes up with good times singing. Their track selection is decent, but not as comprehensive as some others. They offer the typical set up for karaoke, in the corner along the wall.

Around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night, the DJ continued to set up despite karaoke starting at 9 p.m. The middle-aged regulars slowly emptied by 10 p.m. Then the night crowd slowly poured in around 10:30 p.m. or so. Try arriving later in the night for a more enjoyable time with a younger and more energetic crowd.

Usually singing runs through the night, until "whenever" according to the DJ. Pool tables are available while waiting your turn at the microphone.

Copper Penny

This small, hidden bar surprisingly offers karaoke Tuesday nights 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Copper Penny is home to a mixed crowd—bikers, the middle aged and the usual twenty-somethings.

This vibrant yet laid-back bar possesses more of a sports bar feel but all clichés are tossed aside once it's karaoke night. It seemed like guys night, but a few females grabbed the chance to sing. The female bartender occasionally left her position behind the bar to belt



Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Bar patrons enjoy Thursday night karaoke at McTavern's on the 7000 block on Indianapolis Blvd. Karaoke is rising in popularity in the Region.

out a tune or two. It seemed pros (and regulars) step up to the mic (singing plenty of country tunes and a few Beatles hits), but all are welcome to share their musical talents to the crowd.

This crowd appeared more welcoming than some others.

Copper Penny's outstanding track selection leaves a karaoke enthusiast choosing from thousands of songs to perform. Lyrics also run on screens dispersed above the table for karaoke and the bar, so everyone can sing along. Names of those up to sing run along the bottom of the screen.

Rodney's

The crowd for karaoke seems hard to please if you lack real talent. Though this bar is great to throw back a few, it may be intimidating for those just looking to belt out a few tunes for the heck of it.

Rodney's is a great place to hang out for a night out, especially for a quick bite to eat. The mid 20s and early 30s crowd minds their business but once karaoke starts, it's time to await cheers or hoots.

This bar does offer more to do while awaiting a chance to sing, compared to Copper Penny. More pool tables are available in the back area, along with a small bar offering special house drinks.

Karaoke runs both Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

McTavern's

McTavern's is known for hosting different themes every night of the week, catering to every age group. Karaoke on Tuesdays and Thursdays appears a second home for older karaoke enthusiasts. However don't be discouraged; numbers of older may not match the younger but there is a younger crowd present.

But if you're looking for comfort and support (instead of age) for karaoke, this is the place to be. If lacking a good voice, this crowd will support any voice on the small stage in the spotlight.

Check the regulars sing their usual at 10 p.m. Track selections compare to Copper Penny's—offering an unbelievably large selection, especially with today's top

hits in any genre.

Award for most enjoyable time goes to McTaverns. Anyone can sing and be enthusiastically applauded, even encouraged to sing louder.

Franco's

Franco's clearly competes with McTaverns with fun factors. Expect to see everyone singing along, raising their drink in hand. It's seldom to see anyone sitting bored or left out. Majority of those in attendance pay full attention to the performer, giving nearly 100 percent support.

This bar is quite large compared to all bars listened above. Francos splits up in a tri-level—a lower game room with pool and ping pong tables, a general area equipped with a stage, stools and tables and small third floor with booths. A screen lays across the back wall of the general area, displaying the lyrics of a given song to sing along with.

The mic for karaoke stands at the stage, with spotlights of different colors adding to the festive mood.

Scared to go up and try? Don't be. Everyone supports the singer with applause and hollers. If anything, most are likely too drunk to notice you've missed that last key.

Cavanaugh's

Francos and Cavanoughs both can easily entertain very large crowds. Though Cavanoughs just might be larger, it slightly misses the mark when it comes to standing behind the mic.

The crowd, just like Rodney's, may judge you on vocal ability. But unlike other bars, some performers are in it for the glory - many often compete to be the best. If you enjoy a good competition, drop by and let the Region know your talent.

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Local eateries offer meatless alternatives

Elizabeth Wilkinson
Managing Editor

It's inevitable people will always ask the same questions to vegans, vegetarians or even those who just don't eat much meat in general—"What do you eat?" and "Where do you eat?"

The answer is simple.

Local eateries ranging from our cafeteria to fine dining offer great options for a meat-free meal without having to leave the Region.

It's not always necessary to leave campus for a good meal. The Oaken Arbor Café, located on the first floor of SUL, is very vegetarian friendly. They offer a salad bar,

meat-free soups, cheese pizza and a garden burger. The CLO Grab-N-Go offers many small snacks that are meat free as well as salads and a roasted vegetable sandwich.

Not a fan of campus food but need to eat quickly? Head to Burger King for a veggie burger or Subway for a meat-free sub sandwich.

Taco Bell is also very vegetarian friendly. They offer a bean and cheese burrito or a seven layer burrito that doesn't contain meat and can be made vegan when it's ordered without cheese and sour cream. Any salad offered at fast food restaurants can be made with no meat as well.

For a step up from the fast food grind, head to Rancho Grande. This small Mexican restaurant is

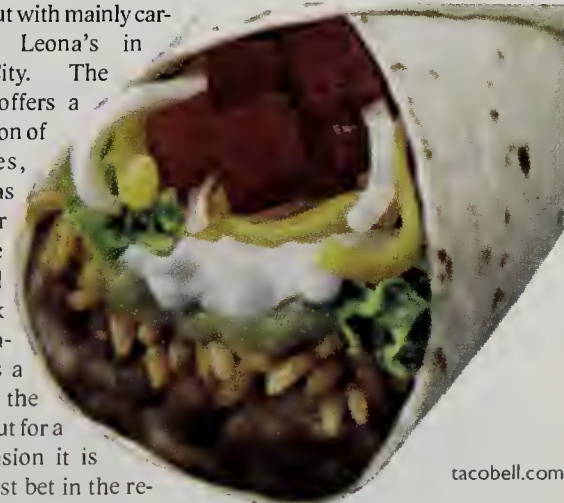
located near Ultra Foods on Indianapolis Boulevard in Highland, only minutes from campus. They offer vegetarian tacos, burritos, sopas, quesadillas and gorditas. The prices are reasonable and you can wash down the meal with a cold soda in an old fashioned glass bottle.

Many chain restaurants offer vegetarian foods, even if they are hidden in the menu. Olive Garden offers several pasta and sauce dishes sans meat. Bennigan's offers great veggie burgers and meat free pasta. Applebee's is possibly the least vegetarian friendly chain in the area but a meal can be made by ordering a meat-free appetizer and a small salad or a pasta bowl with no meat included.

The best bet for vegetarians

who hang out with mainly carnivores is Leona's in Calumet City. The restaurant offers a great selection of sandwiches, wraps, pastas and other meat free foods as well as steak house favorites. It is a little on the pricey side but for a special occasion it is easily the best bet in the region.

It may take a little creativity but it's easy to find a meat free alternative virtually anywhere in the Region.



Any vegetarian can
find great meatless dishes,
such as this 7 Layer Burrito
at Taco Bell.

'America's Next Top Model'

Weeks two and three

Isabel Rodriguez
Entertainment Editor

Samantha Francis held back her words when Tyra Banks said she lacked personality and presence.

"I have personality," said Francis in an exclusive interview with The Chronicle. "It's not true."

"America's Next Top Model" panel of judges saw little pizzazz in Francis, 19, during a photo shoot involving high school clichés. Her lack of personality portraying a girl with a bad reputation for the shoot and too young and naïve for the competition overall led judges to believe she just wasn't ready for the world of modeling.

Tyra asked contestant Natasha Galkina to stay and Francis to leave.

"She saw me, what, twice?" said Francis.

Francis stood there quietly, staring directly at Tyra when she spoke.

"But I didn't want to interrupt," added Francis. "Something inside me told me it's ok."

"It's just her opinion."

Francis thought Galkina would be eliminated since she's too short for modeling.

Still shocked and slightly hurt by the statement, Francis knows she constantly talked, laughed and interacted with everyone in the apartment, especially fellow contestants Britney Carrigher and Rene Dewitt—her two closest friends.

Francis blames film editing for the lack of footage in the final episode showing her interacting more. She adds that the episodes only portray her negatively and confused during photo shoots or challenges.

Sometimes only portraying great presence and personality isn't enough.

Or so thought panel judges Twiggy and Nigel Barker when reviewing Cassandra Watson's overall performance thus far on America's Next Top Model.

Despite evident beauty Watson possessed, her photos lacked distinct presence and inspiration—leading judges to eliminate Watson.

Yet she, like past contestants, had no regrets being part of the competition—despite their exit from the show.

"I felt great about being eliminated," said Watson, 24. "I felt 'hey, this is my time to go.' I look at experiences as I learn from them. Everything happens in life for a reason."

Being disqualified with a Cover Girl make up challenge may have played factor in her elimination. The ladies needed to apply and express their own rendition of colorful spring makeup within a limited time. As soon as the countdown began, Watson—startled by the unexpected countdown—leaped to make it on time but failed.

Yet Watson believes not only failing a challenge comes into play when deciding who should be eliminated.

"I think everything played a part," said Watson. "My attitude in the house, photo shoots, I think they put all of those into consideration."

Their third photo shoot involved full nudity, as expected by Watson. Contestants modeled different candy treats while posing with ice cream. Little did she expect to face a real challenge—and her problem wasn't posing nude.

Watson had difficulty withholding a pose with the ice cream, making her shoots

Despite the hurtful words spoken to her, Francis doesn't perceive Tyra any different.

"I don't agree with her but I don't think bad or less of her," she added.

Francis waited until she had good head on her shoulders, leading to her decision of waiting until turning 19 years old for casting calls.

Francis plans to pursue a career in modeling and move out of Alabama. She may even go back to school for interior design.

"I think I can handle this industry and criticism," added Francis. "I'm pretty tough."

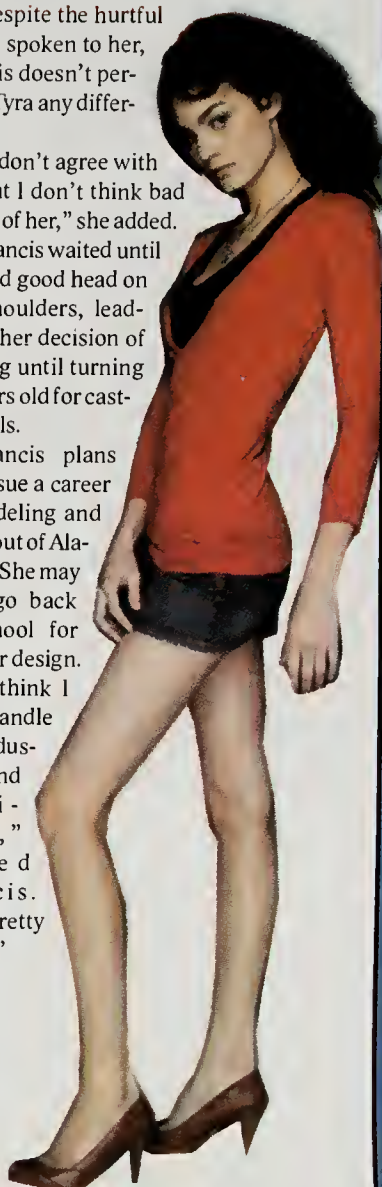


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seem stiff. She used the numbness she felt from the ice cream to help continue the shoot.

Yet Watson was hesitant to complain. After viewing previous episodes, she understood how the crew or judges didn't approve of complaining.

Despite washing her hands with water, Watson felt the constant burning and stinging intensely. Watson rushed to the hospital and was treated for first degree frostbite. Thereafter, the contestants applied Vaseline to protect their hands from the ice cream.

"They realized you can't hold ice cream that long," said Watson.

Since leaving the show, Watson continues to school and model on the side.

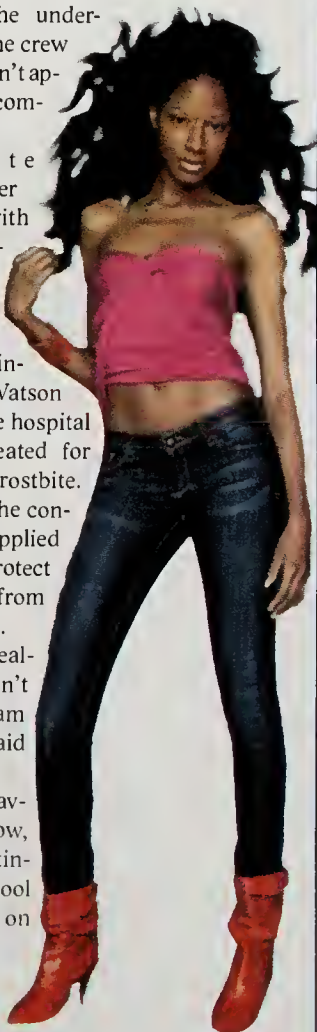


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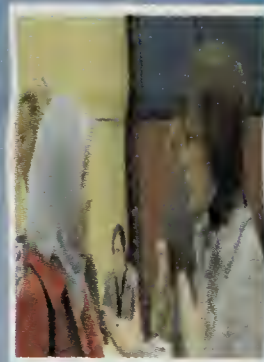
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Culberson's Corner

Small venues make for better concerts



Jade Lee Culberson
Senior Staff Writer

I went to see the Pogues perform at the Congress Theatre on March 6. They were fantastic — it's great to see lead singer Shane MacGowan back with the band. The Pogues have a fantastic stage presence and seem to enjoy performing — they performed three encores.

But I think one of the best parts of the event was the location. The Congress Theatre is fairly small and is comprised mostly of a general admission area great for pushing your way toward the stage. With our general admission tickets, we were able to get close enough to the front to read MacGowan's champagne bottle.

Rather than having to either park miles away and then hike to the venue or pay a small fortune to use a parking garage or valet service, we enjoyed the ample street parking (well, as close to ample parking as Chicago ever has) close to the Congress.

I know Chicago is in the process of implementing a fascist anti-smoking policy but this area of the city seemed yet untouched by the breach of civil rights. It was such a relief to enjoy a cigarette in the lobby of the theatre after purchasing a drink from one of the many well-stocked bar stands throughout the establishment.

After not being able to find the merchandise table at the last concert I attended, I was very relieved that the Pogues merchandise was easy to find (and even more pleased that it was plentiful, with a good variety at decent prices).

Had I seen the Pogues at a larger venue, I don't think I would have enjoyed the experience as much. After this show, I'm done with fancy concert halls and I can't imagine going to an arena concert.

Good things may come in small packages and the best concert experiences certainly take place in small venues.

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This week's movie review...

Black Snake Moan

Jade Lee Culberson
Senior Staff Writer

"Black Snake Moan" slithers into your head and the characters curl around your heart in a film that combines fantastic acting and a powerful story of caring.

Writer and director Craig Brewer delivers the tale of Rae (Christina Ricci), a neurotic nymphomaniac and Lazarus (Samuel L. Jackson), a retired bluesman turned farmer who is unlucky enough to feel inclined to tame her.

After Rae's boyfriend (played by Justin Timberlake, whose terrible acting doesn't ruin the film because he's in very little of it) gets shipped off to military training, she just can't help but begin having sex with other men. After a night of wild partying that ends badly, Rae is dumped half-naked by the side of the road — bruised, beaten and ill.

Lazarus finds her and decides what she needs is some old-fashioned patience, rest and understanding. Believing divine intervention led her to his path, Lazarus is determined to save Rae from herself — even once that means chaining her to the radiator to keep her from running off to get her much-needed fix.

Lazarus confronts his own demons, as he was just left by his wife. He also tries to teach Rae how to respect herself. The chemistry between Jackson and Ricci is amazing. It's clear Lazarus wants to save Rae from her lust-driven ways just as much as she doesn't believe she'll ever be able to har-



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Despite Justin Timberlake's noticeably bad acting, "Black Snake Moan" combines fantastic acting from Christina Ricci and Samuel L. Jackson and a powerful storyline.

ness her urges.

Ricci is sexy, dirty and primal in this film — and yet her character remains sympathetic.

The movie also focuses on racial issues. Lazarus is concerned about reporting the situation because of racial implications.

"I've been toe to toe with the law just for being black and nearby," he says — capturing the look and sound of the Deep South.

Lazarus becomes inclined to dig out his old guitar in an attempt to soothe the beast within Rae. Jackson belts out soulful blues like he's been doing it all his life. The song "Black Snake Moan," set against a nighttime thunderstorm, is nothing less than chilling.

With the exception of Timberlake's character, all of the charac-

ters seem very real and are easy to feel for. S. Epatha Merkerson plays a kind-hearted pharmacist with an eye on Lazarus and John Cothran Jr. is terrific as the Reverend.

"Black Snake Moan" is filled with profanity and overt (sometimes violent) sex scenes. This is not a movie for children and young teens — who probably wouldn't really get it anyway, so they aren't missing anything — but carries more positive message than offensiveness for mature viewers.

Overall CD rating:



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* Ruff Draft - J-Dilla

* Tempest (Enhanced) - Insane Clown Posse

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* Como Ama Una Mujer - Jennifer Lopez

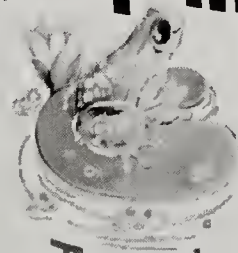
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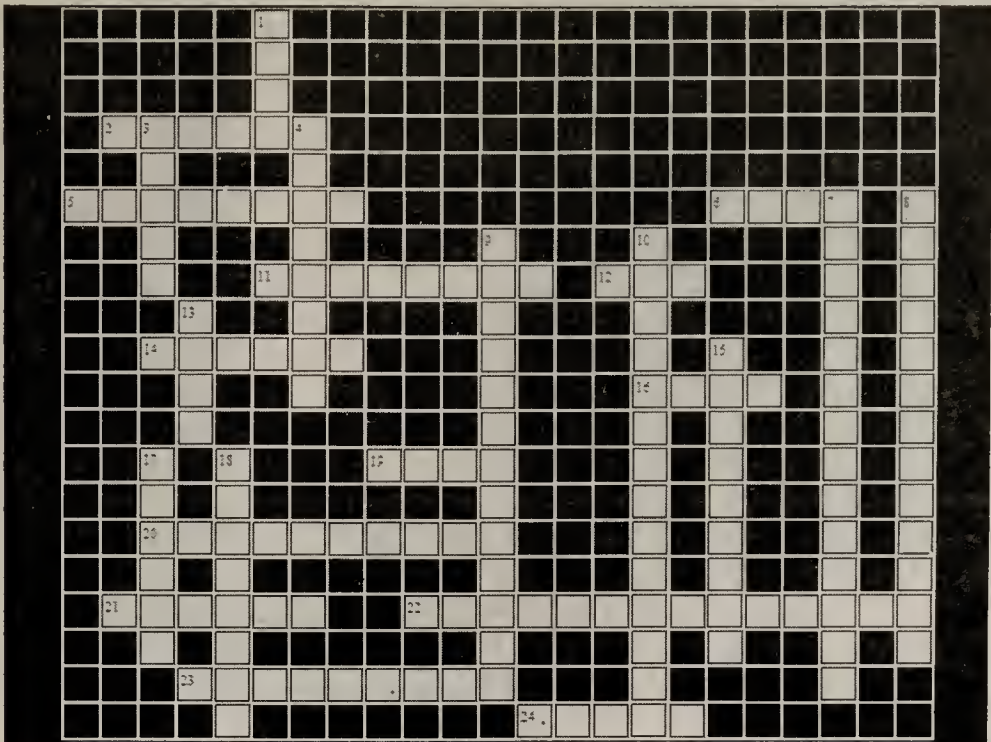
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Dr. Seuss

Across

- 2. Watch out for these in your pocket
- 5. "I Wish that I had..."
- 6. This appendage has it's own book
- 11. Jump on Dad, in Seuss language
- 12. Horton heard one of these
- 14. The star of "Green Eggs and Ham"
- 16. Seuss claimed he never learned to do this- though his books tell another story
- 19. This term for a smart person was invented by Seuss in "If I Ran the Zoo"
- 20. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was Seuss' first full-length foray into this medium
- 21. This turtle's tale is based on the rise of Hitler
- 22. This book has 236 new reader vocabulary words- and was Suess' first big success
- 23. This musical is based on the works of Seuss
- 24. Dakota Fanning played this character in a 2003 adaptation of a Seuss book

Down

- 1. Fish can be one, two red or
- 3. In 1951 Seuss won one of these for " Gerald McBoing Boing"
- 4. "He's shortish. And oldish...And brownish. And mossy...And he spoke with a voice...that was sharpish and bossy."
- 7. This character is turning 50
- 8. Dr. Seuss was born in this East Coast state
- 9. She starred as "Cat in the Hat" on Broadway
- 10. Seuss' real name
- 13. Seuss had a love of these- as the silly one in The Cat in the Hat showed
- 15. The man himself attended this Ivy League college, located in New Hampshire
- 17. A Seuss battle included this condiment
- 18. In 1984 Seuss won one of these prized awards

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Monday
March 19
A.M. Showers
51°/28°



Friday
March 23
Showers
51°/49°



Tuesday
March 20
Partly Cloudy
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Saturday
March 24
Partly Cloudy
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Wednesday
March 21
Showers
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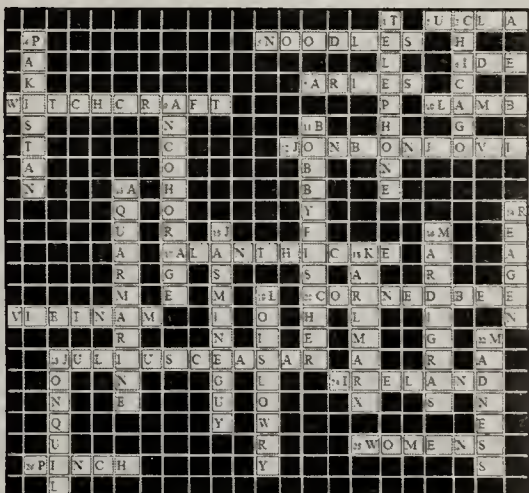
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Sudoku

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		7						
8	1		7	9				
	8		1	5	3		9	
		1	8			7		6
	3							
		8						
		9		7				8
4			9	1		6	2	3

Last issue's puzzle answers



1	3	7	8	5	6	9	2	4
2	9	4	7	1	3	8	5	6
5	8	6	9	2	4	3	1	7
7	6	5	4	3	1	2	9	8
4	1	8	6	9	2	5	7	3
9	2	3	5	7	8	4	6	1
3	5	1	2	8	7	6	4	9
8	4	2	1	6	9	7	3	5
6	7	9	3	4	5	1	8	2

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NATIONAL LAMP SPORTS MINUTE ORSO

Boxer Omar Nino Romero became the first fighter ever to be suspended by the Nevada commission for methamphetamines. Although Romero was given the chance to defend himself, he could not sit still long enough to do so.

Elsewhere in boxing, Vladimir Klitschko knocked out Ray Austin after only a round and a half of action. Klitschko did not throw a single right hand in the fight, as he was using it to sign contracts for a fight that someone might watch.

New York Knicks coach Isaiah Thomas received a contract extension for coaching the Knicks all the way from the cellar to the basement. Minutes after the signing, MSG Chariman James Dolan checked into rehab. Thomas should be glad he doesn't coach in the NFL — he'd have been fired five times by now.

A new study has revealed that just 10 percent of Ohio State's basketball players received degrees at the school between the years of 1996 and 1999. On the positive side, only 10 percent of UNLV's basketball players actually graduated high school.

In hockey, the Penguins have reached a deal for a new arena that will keep them in Pittsburgh. But on the bright side, new arena!

AT&T has unveiled an exclusive agree-

ment with World Wrestling Entertainment to provide users with WWE-themed wallpaper, ringtones, voice tones and graphics. Now all wrestling fans have to do is figure out how to operate a phone.

In baseball, San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds said he'd be open to the prospect of extending his contract until 2008. The pharmaceutical industry is thrilled.

And a three-foot-long reptile unexpectedly slithered through the press box during the fourth inning of an Indians game. It's believed to be the slimiest creature to cross paths with the Tribe since Albert Belle.

-Written by Steve Hofstetter, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Ryan Murphy, Rich Ragains, Elliot Steingart, and Chris Strait

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Baseball Club gives back to Chancellor



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Darren Zancan, president of the PUC baseball club, watches as Chancellor Howard Cohen puts on his replica jersey during a presentation given by members of the newly formed baseball club. The presentation, held March 8 in the SUL concourse, was given in recognition of Cohen's efforts in support of the club.




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Megyesi replaces Smith

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

Tom Megyesi was appointed acting coach of the PUC Lady Peregrines last week after Dennis Smith's immediate resignation March 8.

Megyesi hopes to remain at PUC as head coach of the women's basketball team after June 30, when his three-and-a-half month contract expires.

"I have always had the ambition to be a college coach and I felt that this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up," he said.

Megyesi recorded an overall record of 370 wins and 164 losses over 24 seasons as the head coach of the Lake Central girl's basketball team. During that span, he led the Lady Indians to 11 sectional championships, four regional titles,

three semi-state wins, a state runner-up finish and a state championship.

Megyesi has 31 years of coaching experience and has instructed multiple sports including football, softball, volleyball and basketball at both middle school and high school levels.

He was voted State Coach of the Year by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association in 1994 and 1998. Currently, Megyesi is ranked eleventh all-time in Indiana for high school girl's basketball career wins.

"People (at PUC) are outstanding," said Megyesi. "They're very friendly, very cooperative. It's been great."

According to Megyesi, the process of contacting recruits is already underway and he hopes to get open gyms and conditioning started soon, although no formal timeline has been set.



Tom Megyesi

Check out
The Chronicle
next week for a
Q and A with
Coach Megyesi

PUC athletics have crashed



Brandon Thomas
News Editor

Quite frankly, PUC sports have crashed and burned. The basketball program remains lost under the wreckage of the men's team failing to make grades and the entire coaching staff resigning, including Rob Jensen the former Athletic Director.

The recent resignations of Dennis Smith and his coaching staff came as no surprise. It was predictable after the Lady Peregrines could only muster six wins. Smith won 2004 coach of the year long ago.

Basketball has been PUC's only consistent signpost on the athletic scene and it's in danger of disappearing. Coaches were signed quickly to fill the vacancies. Will they be any better than the last?

The region is a gold mine for athletic talent. Cities all over the PUC neighborhood have successful sports programs of all kinds. PUC academics are thought of highly, so it's hard to believe no one talented in the CCAC wants to come here to play sports.

The basketball program has performed poorly over the last few years. The turnover rate of the coaches for the men is scary as they will now be following their third head coach in three seasons.

The program has repeatedly failed, not only with basketball but with other sports in the past few decades. Soccer

and volleyball were recent victims of demise and the softball club will not be playing a 2007 season.

The university has reached a crossroads. Money can be made available to build a venerable sports program or PUC can become rejected and money could be drawn out and used for other things.

After all, Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik has a very broad selection of intramural sports. If basketball and baseball were cancelled, Dudzik could have even more time in the gym.

Just filling the basketball coaching positions is not proof enough PUC wants athletics on campus. The choice must be made with the full intent to make the program as successful as possible for the benefit of the students, or not at all.

Intramural basketball springs ahead in fourth week

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

The allusion of March Madness was in the air at PUC as intramural basketball continued in the REC Center Gym before Spring Break.

An exciting first game between North Division rivals Vendetta and the Descendants dominated the court. After a first half filled with fouls Vendetta had a ten point lead but the Descendants pulled to within one point in the final minute of play. They couldn't continue their comeback though, falling to Vendetta, 59-54.

"We had good team balance and an overall good team effort. Passing is what helped us today. If we couldn't have done that we

wouldn't have had the opportunity to win," said Tim Luxford, a sophomore majoring in secondary education.

Another big match-up on the South Court saw the Legends defeat the Court Masters by a final score of 67-54.

"We came out a bit sluggish at first, but we overcame that," said Vince Johnson, a junior majoring in fitness management. "I think the players might have been a bit behind because of daylight savings."

Da Franchise, losing to Sofa King by 14 at the half, closed the deficit to within four points during the second half. Sofa King refused to give up and finished on top 74-66.

In other action, New Style defeated the East Side Warriors 43-38 and Make it Rain bested the Gym Rats 44-40.

The final game of the day on the North Court featured Dynasty against the Eurostars. Despite early foul trouble Dynasty pushed a defeat, 41-36, in a full-court contest.

Bumble Bees, Da Cage, Go Gettas, Pexates and Fubar were all awarded victories via forfeit because of a lack of players.

"We were expecting some no shows today, with it being Spring Break," said Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik. "Overall, the season has been going very well and we really haven't had any problems."

Intramural basketball will continue over the next two months with games taking place each Sunday afternoon. Playoffs will begin the final two weeks of April, with the finals and the championship following on May 6.

2007 Intramural Standings

Intramural Men's Soccer Standings (Week five)

East Conference						
Team	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
EuroStars	5	0		10	85	19
Mean Machine	2	3	1	5	30	33
Plutonic Spavin	2	3		4	42	45
Sofa King	2	3		4	24	31
Ram Rod	1	4		2	29	73

West Conference						
Team	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Cardinals	5	0		10	65	23
Sprague	3	1	1	7	74	55
Atlantic FC	2	3		4	43	34
PUC Fire	1	4		2	31	82
Los Changos	1	4		2	40	47

Intramural Volleyball Standings (Week four)

North Conference					
Team	MATCHES		GAMES		PTS
	W	L	W	L	
Bad News Bears	4	0	12	0	8
2 Dink Minimum	4	0	10	2	8
PUC Spikers	3	1	9	3	6
Puns	1	2	3	6	2
Bumpin Bears	0	4	1	11	0
Eagles	0	3	0	9	0

South Conference					
Team	MATCHES		GAMES		PTS
	W	L	W	L	
Villains II	4	0	11	1	8
This Won't Last...	3	1	9	3	6
A Taint Away	3	1	8	4	6
Bump,Set,Spike II	2	2	8	4	4
Big Dogs	1	2	2	7	2
FCC Eagles	0	4	1	11	0
Hawaiian Punch	0	4	2	10	0

5-on-5 Basketball (Week four)

East	W	L	North	W	L
Dynasty	3	1	Vendetta	3	1
Fubar	3	1	Descendants	3	1
EuroStars	2	2	Make it Rain	3	1
Bumble Bees	1	3	Gym Rats	2	2
12 inch Lar...	0	4	Magnums	0	4

West	W	L	South	W	L
Sofa King	4	0	Go Gettas	4	0
New Style	3	1	Legends	3	1
Da Franchise	2	2	Court Mast...	2	2
Pexates	2	2	Da Cage	2	2
East Side...	1	3	Who am I	1	3
PUC Go...	0	4	Squad 4	0	4



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'R-Dub Club' begins second year



Jessica Hamman (left), Stephanie Peacock (middle) and Shannon Dugan (right) lead a discussion during a visit to an elementary school classroom as part of the "R-Dub Club."

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

The PUC women's basketball team is doing its part to make a difference, acting as role models within the Hammond community.

The "R-Dub Club," which stands for reading and writing, was created last year and gives teammates the chance to visit elementary schools in order to encourage reading and writing among the youth.

PUC has been one of The Times Newspaper in Education sponsors for the last two years, funding the cost of newspapers for instructional purposes within Hammond elementary schools.

"PUC wanted our NIE sponsorship to be more meaningful, personal and involved

than merely paying for newspapers used in a classroom," said Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement Wes Lukoshus.

Last year Lukoshus contacted the elementary teachers and introduced the "R-Dub Club" concept. Players from both the men's and women's basketball teams visited the three elementary school classrooms sponsored by the university last season, and the same program is continuing this year although only two classes are participating.

"Three classes were originally scheduled, but I have had difficulty contacting the third classroom," said Lukoshus.

PUC basketball players visit the classrooms in groups of three and read the first chapter in a story book while the elementary students follow along in a copy of their own. Elementary school teachers have advised the university on appropriate books for the students, taking the children's read-

ing levels into account. PUC has a full collection of two sets of books that are used and borrows the others from the classrooms.

Players promote comprehension by leading a discussion of what was read in the chapter. At the end of their 45-minute visit the elementary students have an opportunity to interview a basketball player for a classroom writing assignment.

"As long as the teachers find it beneficial, we look forward to continuing the program," said Lukoshus.

Recently the basketball players visited Andrea Ziemba's fifth grade class at Morton as well as Sally Garcia's fourth grade class at Harding in February and the beginning of March. A final visit to the elementary schools is scheduled for April.

New recruits will need both athletic, academic skill

Jeremy Homan
Assistant Sports Editor

Russ Marcinek has been hard at work since taking over as acting coach of the men's basketball team, and his biggest task has been recruiting players.

"We don't want a repeat of last year."

Dave Fanno, Sports Information Coordinator

Marcinek has been looking throughout the Region. Although no players have been signed, a number are being observed.

All potential players are being scouted based on both their athletic and academic abilities.

"They're looking at kids with a strong GPA," said Sports Information Coordinator Dave Fanno. "We don't want a repeat of last year."

Open tryouts have already begun with recruiting in progress and at least four returning players.

"We have had some kids come out to tryouts," said Fanno. "Hopefully we can get some solid players to go along with the recruits."

Tryouts will continue through the week of March 30.

According to Fanno, at least one current student contacted coach Marcinek and verbally committed to PUC.



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